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Tarrytown, July 22, 1878.

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more - the vital and all-comprehensive issue is, whether the loyal portion of the South, without regard to complexional distinctions, shall be allowed any freedom of speech and action, except at the imminent peril of their lives. Is it not marvellous that any of the Old Anti-Slavery Guard should deem this an obsolete or immaterial question, and now give the precedence to money as of paramount importance at this crisis?

I am glad to learn you had so pleasant a visit to Asterville, though the state of the weather the day you left seemed to be somewhat threatening, but happily proved to be uncommonly fine. It is gratifying, too, to hear that Ellie has had no attack of headache since she went to the Cape, and that William and all the family are enjoying themselves to the full extent of their sanguine expectations. I am afraid that they will be so diffuse in dispensing hospitality to relatives and friends that they will not only have large expenses to meet, but will in the end increase instead of lessening their cares.

On Friday afternoon Wendell came to us, and of course was a welcome guest to us all. He could only remain over night, and Saturday at 8 A. M. I accompanied him to the city, going by steamboat instead of by railroad train, and having a delightful sail down the river, occupying two hours. The heat was so overpowering in the city that I only went to the office of the Nation, and there for awhile read the Boston papers of the day previous; then I called at Harry's headquarters, and spent a short time there - returning to Wendell in season to take a comfortable lunch with him, and leaving in the boat for Tarrytown at 3^{1/2} P. M., but as it was crowded with passengers, and the atmosphere hot and oppressive, I did not enjoy the trip as I did in the morning. Wendell reported all well at the Park, and means to get to Asterville with Lloyd and Phil at the earliest practicable period, though a different arrangement may prevent his doing so. In this wise: - Harry leaves this morning for Kansas City, to be gone a fortnight. He does not wish to leave Fanny and

the children alone, and would be glad to have me remain here until his return - you in the meantime joining me, and changing our Mount Desert excursion for this region, Trenton Falls, Lake George, &c. However, he has invited Wendell and all the household at the Park to come and spend a week here after my departure; and Wendell thinks they will arrange to do so, though he must be a part of the time at home. The change will undoubtedly be pleasant to Mr. McKim and the children, but she has yet to be consulted.

I shall aim to take the 11 o'clock train for Boston on Friday, so as to be with you at tea-time. No one need meet me at the depot, as I shall leave my trunk to be brought out by Allen's Express Saturday.

I hope I shall not fail to find Mr. Clark with you, and it will give me pleasure to show him what attentions I can during his brief visit. Fanny will be happy to entertain him and the Mr. & Mrs. Kendalls, should they come this way. At present her cook is confined to her bed by illness.

Your loving Father.